forwarded a broad outline of a proposal of Rs. 500 crore to the Planning Commission on "Implementation of the recommendations of the Swaminathan Committee Report on Coastal Zone Management" in January 2006. It was requested to accord approval for posing the project to World Bank. Planning Commission has conveyed its no objection to Ministry of Environment & Forests for posing the proposal to World Bank and requested to furnish the final Project Report with firmed up costs and time frame.

The proposal for a tentative amount of Rs. 500 crore for 6 years provides the following three specific components proposed to be posed to the World Bank for financial assistance.

1. Mapping and demarcation (Rs. 10 crore): The activities include demarcation and mapping of coastal areas, hazard lines, pilot studies and preparation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plans for identified stretches.

2. Institutional building (Rs. 60 crore) : The component provides for setting up a National Institute for Coastal Zone Management and two Regional Centres at Lakshadweep and Andamans respectively. The location of the national Institute has not been indicated. It also includes setting up of a digital gateway for sustainable coastal zone management and strengthening and capacity building of Coastal Zone Management Authorities.

3. Pollution control (Rs. 300 crore): It provides for prevention and control of pollution of coastal and marine water from land based activities.

**Bangalore Metro Rail Project**

*494. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have approved the Bangalore Metro Rail Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of phases in which this project will be completed; and

(d) by when this prestigious project would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) to (d) The Government of India has approved the implementation of Bangalore Metro Rail Project covering a length of 33 kms. in 2 corridors *viz.* Baiyapanahalli to Mysore Road (18.1 km.) and Yashwanthpur to R.V. Road Jayanagar (14.9 km.), at an estimated completion cost of Rs. 6395 crores in 5 years.

The financing pattern of the project would be as follows :—

| | Govt. of India | Govt. of Karnataka |
|---|---|---|
| Equity | 15% | 15% |
| Subordinate debt | 10% | 15% |
| Senior term debt | 45% | |

While the complete project is targeted for completion by December 2011, in the first stage Baiyapanahalli to Cricket Stadium (7 km.) section is targeted for completion by December 2009.

**Construction of Highways in Uttaranchal**

*495. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to speed up construction of highways in backward, hilly and remote areas of Uttarachanl in respect of projects which are part of the IIIrd phase of National Highway Development Programme; and

(b) if so, the backward regions of the State which are likely to be benefited by the above decision along with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) 125 km. length of National Highway Nos 58 to 72 from Uttar Pradesh/Uttaranchal Border to Dehradun in included in Phase IIIA of National Highway Development Project (NHDP), which has already been approved by Government for implementation. The work is divided in two stretches *i.e.* Muzaffarnagar to Haridwar and Haridwar to Dehradun. Bids have been invited on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis for four laning of NH 58 from Muzaffarnagar (Uttar Pradesh) to Haridwar (Uttaranchal), which includes the stretch of Uttar Pradesh/Uttaranchal Border to Haridwar. For taking up the other stretch